

# In the Supreme Court of the State of Alaska

**Loren Rancourt,**

Appellant,

v.

**Sharnel Vale,**

Appellee.

Supreme Court Nos. **S-17198/S-17417**

## **Notice**

Public Health Protection  
Guidelines for Supreme Court Oral  
Arguments in light of COVID-19

Date of Notice: **March 19, 2020**

Trial Court Case Nos. **3AN-18-00830CI; 3AN-18-06027CI**

In response to the COVID-19 pandemic and the State of Alaska's Public Health Disaster Emergency Declaration signed on March 11, 2020, and in order to protect the public health under current local, state, and federal guidance to limit public gatherings, the Alaska Supreme Court will follow the following procedures for the oral arguments currently scheduled in March and April:

1. The attorneys and those parties wishing to appear must attend by telephone, following these instructions: no later than 10 minutes prior to the scheduled argument time of 9:00AM dial **1-800-768-2983**; enter conference code **2640609#**; you will be asked to press the star key if you are the leader—**do not press the star key**. If you dial in before the court does, you will be placed on hold and should hear music. Hold the line until the clerk gives you further instructions.
2. Any members of the public wishing to attend the oral argument may call and listen in by following the instructions outlined above.

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As an alternative, parties and counsel may want to consider waiving oral argument. If oral argument is waived by all parties, the Supreme Court will confer on the case at the next available conference. If you ask for an argument to be rescheduled, it will likely be postponed indefinitely.

Any requests related to this notice must be filed by **noon on Friday, March 20, 2020**. The court will accept service via email to [pleadings@akcourts.us](mailto:pleadings@akcourts.us).

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